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In re Application of: Holton E. Harris

Serial No.: 09/775,138

Examiner: Eashoo, Mark

Filed: 02/01/2001

Group Art Unit: 1732

TITLE: **Alternate Polymer Extruding System And Method With Reduced
Drool**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 12, 2003 applicant hereby elects the claims of Group III, Claims 29 - 31, of this application for immediate further examination.

It is respectfully requested that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding Restriction Requirement. Applicant urges that the examiner's search for any one of the three groups of claims, to be complete, would largely overlap if not be entirely coextensive with searches for the subject matter of the other two groups of claims.

The three-way restriction increases applicant's costs significantly, and will result in duplicative and unnecessary additional work by the Patent and Trademark Office examiner corps and clerical personnel, it is believed. Consequently, withdrawal of the restriction

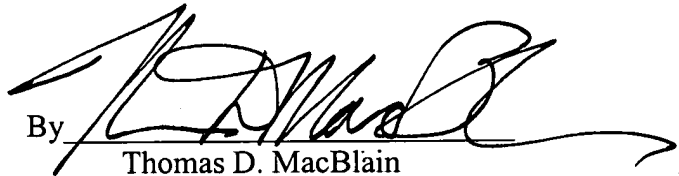
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requirement would benefit applicant and the Patent and Trademark Office, applicant believes.

Respectfully submitted,

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